

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-11, and 14-15, 17 are pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

The claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-11, 14-15, 17 are rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite because it is actually the slide that is being pretensioned and not the at least one transport unit because the at least one transport unit includes parts that are not pretensioned. Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the examiner; claim 2 has been amended also because it is the slide and not the at least one transport unit that is being pretensioned by the spring.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner has indicated that the claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-11, 14-15, 17 would be allowable if amended as proposed. The claims have been amended as suggested and should thus be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

Respectfully submitted on October 4, 2006,

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